

RRWC Meeting Summary (April 26, 2007)

Board Roll Call: George Remias, Mike Durkalec, Donna Childs, Jim Kamps, David Cass, Elva Edger, Ivan Hack, Lane Kessler, Mark Kolesar and Dan Miltner were present. (Jared Bartley, Kathleen Bradley, Gary Breckenridge, Keith Kessler, and Andy Vidra also attended.)

Minutes from 3/15/07 RRWC Board of Trustees Meeting were approved.

Public Involvement Committee Report: (Ivan Hack, Chair)

Cuyahoga Farm Bureau bus trip to The Wilds scheduled for Monday, June 11th. Flyers were distributed. North Royalton Storm Water Education Task Force Event scheduled at North Royalton Library on Saturday, June 16th.

Development Committee Report: (Dan Miltner due to Chair's absence)

Tom Romito submitted a grant application to the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund for the Watershed Festival. Mike Durkalec requested help from the Development Committee in obtaining refreshment donations for 40 to 50 volunteers at the June 2nd River Clean-up.

Conservation Committee Report: (Mike Durkalec, Chair)

Rocky River Clean-up Event scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd from 9 A.M. until 11 A.M. with a picnic following from 11 A.M. until noon. Volunteers will meet at the Emerald Necklace Marina, and then travel to various locations throughout the watershed. There may also be an underwater clean-up at Wallace Lake conducted by a scuba diving group. City of Medina will conduct a concurrent stream clean-up. Contact Mark Kolesar for details of Medina event.

Public Education Committee Report: (George Remias due to Chair's absence)

Jared Bartley has the display board and all educational materials for the RRWC. He is the contact person for anyone wanting RRWC representation at any event. Committee will attempt to schedule presentations with civic groups.

Watershed Festival Update: (Donna Childs)

Metroparks can provide a tour bus if we can find a speaker to host the tour. Medina Beekeepers may want a display table. Ivan will talk to Farm Bureau about being a sponsor for the event. Dave Cass has an example letter (from last year) for soliciting donations. Next sub-committee meeting scheduled May 1st at 10 A.M. at RRNC.

Watershed Coordinator Update: (Jared Bartley)

Berea Stream Clean-up & Rain Garden Demonstration scheduled on Saturday May 12th.

Grant application submitted to Lake Erie Protection Fund for backyard buffers.

Introduction of "The Flow", a quarterly Rocky River newsletter distributed via e-mail.

Also, Jared will conduct stream walk assessments this summer in Baldwin Creek to locate problem areas for possible mitigation projects.

501-C-3 Status:

Mike McNutt has submitted incorporation paperwork (Initial Articles of Incorporation) to the Ohio Secretary of State for the RRWC, Inc. along with \$125 filing fee. Jared Bartley is listed as statutory agent.

Replacement of Miles Reed: Miles Reed has resigned from our Board of Trustees because he will be in Africa all summer working on a film. Jared will solicit new board candidates through his e-mail list which receives "The Flow". Replacement candidate will be chosen at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Jim Kamps)

Festival fund: \$998.98

-\$125.00 (Incorporation filing fee)

\$873.98

Trust fund: \$775.00

The Board agreed to combine all RRWC funds into one account.

New Business:

The City of North Royalton is proposing the construction of a new road (parallel to SR 82 in the Town Center District) which could impact a headwater stream. Ivan Hack wants the RRWC to send a letter to city officials emphasizing the necessity of following all requirements of their OEPA stormwater permit. The Board did not make a commitment, but advised Ivan to draft a letter for further consideration.

Mike Durkalec said Field & Stream magazine will do an article about the Rocky River.

Kathleen Bradley requested that we consider obtaining Board insurance, and also suggested that we plan an attraction for our July meeting.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for July 26, 2007. Location to be announced.